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Stalking Arrest

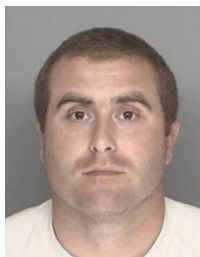
SANTA BARBARA, CA – June 27, 2013

Justin Anthony Sell, age 27, of unincorporated Santa Barbara, was arrested for stalking, a felony. Sell is a former football coach at Dos Pueblos High School and the victim is a former student athlete.

On June 6, 2013, officers from the Santa Barbara Police Department began investigating instances of harassment and stalking perpetrated by Sell against a former student. The victim and the victim's family are Santa Barbara residents. Sell's behavior in this case started in mid-May 2013 and included annoying phone calls, surveillance of the victim and the victim's residence, confronting the victim in public, creating a fictitious Facebook account for the purpose of posting demeaning comments about the victim and befriending the victim's contacts, and articulating the intent to move to the state where the victim will be attending college. The totality of the circumstances caused the victim to experience significant, sustained fear.

On June 21, 2013, SBPD Crimes Against Persons Detective Charlie Katsapis obtained a \$150,000.00 felony arrest warrant for Sell for the crime of stalking and a search warrant for his residence on the 4600 block of Tajo Drive. On June 25, 2013, a team of detectives executed the search warrant and arrested Sell without incident. When interviewed by Detective Katsapis, Sell admitted to committing nearly all of the acts described by the victim and other witnesses. Sell's motivation for stalking the victim was his perception that his friendship with the victim was failing.

Sell was booked into Santa Barbara County Jail on the aforementioned charge. Photo provided by the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office.



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